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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS GROUP ON COPPER MEETING FEBRUARY 7-18

1. FOLLOWING MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL LEAD AND ZINC STUDY GROUP (ILZSG) STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING AT LONDON ON JANUARY 14, DELEGATES OF U.S., U.K., FRANCE AND CANADA LUNCED TOGETHER TO DISCUSS COPPER EXPERTS MEETING IN FEBRUARY. TWO POINTS ON TACTICS WERE AGREED BY THOSE PRESENT: (1) THE FEBRUARY MEETING SHOULD NOT REACH CONCLUSIONS OR MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS, LEAVING THIS TASK TO THE MARCH MEETING; AND (2) WE MUST ASSURE THAT WHOLE RANGE OF POTENTIAL MEASURES BE GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION AND AVOID A SITUATION IN WHICH MOST OF THE TWO WEEK MEETING IS DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF BUFFER STOCKS. U.K. AND FRENCH DELEGATES INDICATED THIS POSITION WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY EC AND WAS IN ACCORD WITH POSITIONS OF OTHER EC MEMBERS.

2. WHILE ACCEPTING THE TWO POINTS NOTED ABOVE, U.K. AND FRENCH DELEGATES EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE RESULT

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MIGHT BE A PROLONGED AND DIVISIVE WRANGLE OVER THE AGENDA IN THE ABSENCE OF SOME PRIOR SPADEWORK. U.K. DELEGATE INDICATED HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTACT THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT TO DETERMINE IF IT HAS DEVELOPED A WORK PLAN FOR THE MEETING, AND TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS FAVORING A BALANCED APPROACH. THIS MISSION WILL DO LIKEWISE.

3. U.K. DELEGATE ALSO REPORTED THAT UNCTAD SECRETARIAT HAS HIRED A BRITISH COPPER EXPERT WITH AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE FIELD WHO HAS LONG BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY, AND WHO IS NOT NATURALLY PREDISPOSED TO COMMODITY AGREEMENTS. CATTO

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